Losses to FCI

* 2353. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Will the ister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUP-iES be pleasedto state:

(a) whether Government are concerned over the losses being suffered by the Food I poration of India;

(b) the accumulated loss of the Food iioration -of In'dia as on the 31st March,

i what. are the main reasons for which Food Corporation of India, has been incurring losses year after year.

(d) whether Government have appointed any Committee to look into the work-in v of the Food Corporation of India; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard; what are the observations and suggestions of thw Committee and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE NISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRl GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a.) and (c) The Government and the Corporation have taken a number of steps to reduce the transit and storage losses of foodgrains suffered by FCI on account of vagaries of weather,, deterioration in quality due to long storage theft and pilferages and spillage during multiple handling at different stages. As a result, these losses have' been brought down successively dur-l he last three years from. 37 per cent in 1982-83 to 1-62 per cent during 1985-86. The accounts for 1986-87 have not D finalised vet

I FCI handles foodgrains on behalf of the Government' on 'no-profit no loss' The difference in the ecopomic cost and issue prices is reimbursed to' the Corporation as food subsidy, which was Rs. 2000 crores during 1986-87.

. (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Some of the important recommendations of the Committee for bringing efficiency and economy in the operations of th-; FCI are. briefly as under;

(i) Government may provide funds to FCI for maintenance of buffer stocks.

(ii) Rationalisation of movement and reducing incidence of freight.

(iii) Reduction in the strength of labour.

(iv) Closure of uneconomical go-downs and purchase centres.

(v) Fixation of norms for unavoidable transit an^ storage losses.

(vi) Intensifying surprise checks at depots.

(vii) Fixation of responsibility on officers for lapses.

(viii) Simplification of depot accounts.

Most of the recommendations of the Cornmittee have been implemented.

Appointment of PAs to the post of deputy Manager in FCI

2354. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Secretaries to the Chairman and Managing Director in the Food Corporation of InBia are simultaneously holding the posts of Deputy Managers;

(b) whether the status of these posts have recently been upgraded from Assistant Managers to Deputy Managers and if so, what' are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of their upgradation from Assistant Managers to Deputy Managers the prospects of other'"persons have heen adversely affect-

(d) whether as a matter of policy the persons upgraded to the posts-of Deputy Managers are immediately posted outsBle Delhi, and '

(e) if so what are tits reasons for not » following the above policy of Government in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFFOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES '(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Only the Private Secretary to the Chairman is in the cadre of Deputy Manager.